

Both the introduction and the conclusion can follow this same outline, using different words and ideas.

1. What is the purpose of government?

Please write this in your own words. If you include a quotation that you agree with, be sure to name the source.

2. What is one idea from the Magna Carta or the English Bill of Rights that you agree with?

This should be something that reflects your opinion about the purpose of government.

3. What is one idea from Locke, Montesquieu or Adam Smith that you agree with?

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4. What is one idea from the Mayflower Compact or the Iroquois Confederacy that you agree with?

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5. Are any of those ideas reflected in the ideas of the people who founded this country, and/or government we live under today?

This could refer to some of the words found in the Declaration of Independence (1776) or the Constitution (1787):

The Declaration says this:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

The Constitution says this:

***We the People** of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.*